



Region 1 Weekly Report | November 16, 2021

Section 1: Items for the Administrator's action, decision and/or signing over the next two weeks.

- **None**

Section 2: Items that the RA signed over the last week and/or plan on signing over the next two weeks.

- On November 10, R1 signed an action that proposes to update the requirements of the OCS Air Regulations applying to OCS sources located within 25 miles of states' seaward boundaries. (POC – **Lynne Hamjian**, [[HYPERLINK "mailto:Hamjian.lynne@epa.gov"](mailto:Hamjian.lynne@epa.gov)], 617- 918-1601)

Section 3: Hot Topics

Major policy, regulatory, compliance, or enforcement activities Section

- **R1:** On November 5, R1 received a Notice of Intent (NOI) from Revolution Wind, LLC for a project consisting of 100 wind turbine generators and two offshore substations capable of supplying up to 880 MW to Rhode Island. The Revolution Wind project needs to obtain an OCS Air Permit for emissions that meet the definition of an OCS Source and it must be submitted within 18 months of receipt of the NOI.
- **R1:** On November 8, the draft final NPDES permit and response to comments for Seaman Paper, Templeton, MA was sent to the state for review. Comments are due December 3.
- **R1:** On November 9, the final NPDES permit for the Ashland, NH WWTF was signed.
- **R1:** On November 9, a public notice for the draft NPDES permit for Chang Farms, Whately, MA was initiated. The comment period ends on December 8.
- **R1:** On November 10, 2021, EPA finalized a settlement with APlus Truck Sales, Inc. of Windham, ME resolving alleged violations of the CAA from the sale and installation of aftermarket emission control defeat devices for use on motor vehicles and motor vehicle engines. APlus Trucks has certified to EPA that it has ceased the sale and installation of such defeat devices and has agreed to a \$75,000 penalty.

Major events, emergencies/incidents, or meetings:

- **R1:** On November 9, R1 met with offshore wind developer Orsted. Orsted supported EPA's decision to eliminate the requirement for construction offsets in the South Fork Wind draft permit. Orsted expressed concerns about construction and financing deadlines for the South Fork Wind project and how a challenge to the permit could interfere with these deadlines. They asked to be made aware of any adverse comments made during the public comment period and EPA agreed to make comments publicly available after the close of the public comment period.
- **R1:** On November 10, R1 met with Vermont DEC to discuss EPA's major findings for the FY18-FY22 NPDES Permit Quality Review (PQR). The region identified four major findings: 1) incomplete permit applications, 2) lack of ambient data to conduct reasonable potential analysis, 3) lack of whole effluent toxicity (WET) data, and 4) inconsistent application of procedures for reasonable potential analysis. Since some of these findings were raised in the last PQR as deficiencies, the region is planning to work with the state to establish a robust corrective action plan.

Section 4: Miscellaneous

Major concerns/challenges (e.g., an impasse with customers/partners/stakeholders)

- **None**

